

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Heath et al.) Art Unit: 1634
Serial No: 09/241,636) Examiner: Goldberg, Jeanine A.
Filed: February 2, 1999) Attorney Docket: Q008 1050.1
For: PROCESS FOR ISOLATING,)
AMPLIFYING AND)
CHARACTERIZING DNA)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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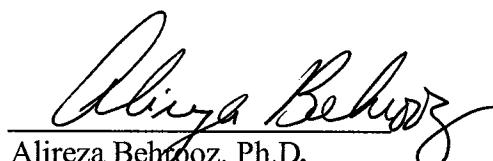
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Respectfully submitted,

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